## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of HIRATA

Application No. To be assigned Examiner:

Filed: Herewith Group Art Unit:

For: FILTERING MEMBER AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper. Amendments to the claims begin on page 5 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.